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Sir:

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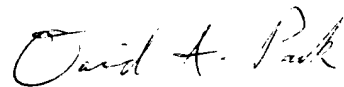
statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of the prior patent, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that it later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d), the commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2257 for this Terminal Disclaimer as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of Petitioner.

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Respectfully submitted,

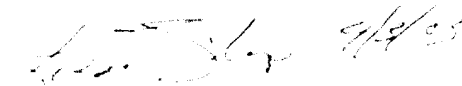


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